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Several parts of city reel under smoke from garbage being burnt, citizens say many times pourakarmikas themselves set it afire

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WHERE HAVE ALL THE BIRDS GONE?

Across habitats, the dip in populations in notable

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Bengaluru birdwatchers and naturalists have observed a significant decline in the number of migratory birds visiting the city. While some have been observing the decline over the years some have noticed a significant drop in the past few months.

The most probable reasons given are rapid urbanisation and climate change that could have contributed to the decline.

Climate change and global warming are cited as reasons for the drop in bird count. "Most of the water bodies that house resident birds are seeing a decline in migratory birds. In Bengaluru, winter months like November and December experienced a slight drop in temperature and January was expected to have a significant dip in temperature. The forecast for January 25 was that the minimum temperature may hover around 10°C. This season, (October to January) the number has come down drastically. By January-end, the weather starts warming up," said a conservationist.

Bird enthusiasts have observed that the city is slowly losing its bird population. "Migratory birds like Northern Shovellers, Northern Pintails, Common Pochards, Rosy Starlings, and warblers were not spotted like in previous years. Migratory ducks like Garganey and Sandpipers are recorded in fewer numbers. Someone had spotted the migratory Bar-headed Geese near

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> —Munish Gowda, teacher & bird-watcher

Metro on a greener track

BMRCL releases environment, sustainability policy document; lack of mention of tree felling, transplantation puzzles activists

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Bangalore Metro Rail Corporation Limited (BMRCL) has developed an environment and sustainability policy.

As per the policy document finalised on January 23, the idea is to ensure sustainable development and urban mobility by adopting environmentally responsible practices and promoting energy-efficient solutions in every aspect of BMRCL's operations. While city-based environmentalists have welcomed the step, they say the document lacks explicit mention of the tree felling and transplantation process.

The document highlights that BMRCL will comply with all relevant environmental legislation and regulations and will work towards reducing urban transport's carbon footprint. This is to be achieved through the use of energy-efficient and non-polluting rolling stock and the promotion of multi-modal integration and last-mile connectivity.

The agency has also mentioned that hereon, it will adopt green building practices, in the design and construction of

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THINGS TO DO

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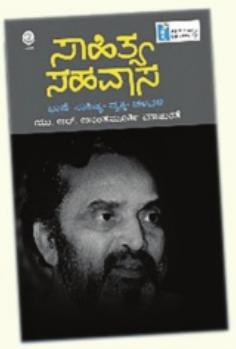

Join an evening dedicated to Kannada literature at the release of Sahitya Sahavasa Bhaashe, Sahitya, Vyakti, Chalavali | U R Ananthamurthy Maatukate, a book based on a video lecture series featuring the Jnanpith awardee. **Where: Indian Institute of World Culture, Basavanagudi When: February 7, 6:00 – 7:30 pm**

02 Theatre workshop

Ever wanted to step on stage, let loose, and embrace the art of play? "Duhhh... It's Called A Play", an engaging workshop by Aavirbhav Naatya Manch. No prior experience needed—just bring your enthusiasm! **Where: Atta Galatta, Indiranagar; When: February 8, 11:00 pm**

03 Book discussion

Dive into My Sister's Keeper by Jodi Picoult at the Urban Solace Book Lovers' Club. A great chance to discuss contemporary fiction and moral dilemmas with fellow book lovers. **Where: Urban Solace – Café for the Soul; When: Feb 9 11:30 AM – 1:00 pm**

04 Retro romance

Enjoy a magical atmosphere filled with old-school love, retro décor, and exclusively made with kitkat desserts. Sip on love-inspired cocktails, flaming heart and sinfully yours, while enjoying exciting offers. **Where: All SOCIAL outlets; When: February 10 – 23**

05 Tibetan artistry

Join Dolls 4 Tibet for a hands-on doll-making workshop at Living Lightly Utsav 2025. Create dolls inspired by Himalayan cultures or craft a stylish keychain while supporting Tibetan artisans. **Where: Indira Gandhi National Centre for Arts; When: February 8 – 9**

Education dept targets fake IA marks with new scrutiny panel

Three-member committees are being formed to address inflated IA marks in schools; teams will review discrepancies between student performance and marks recorded

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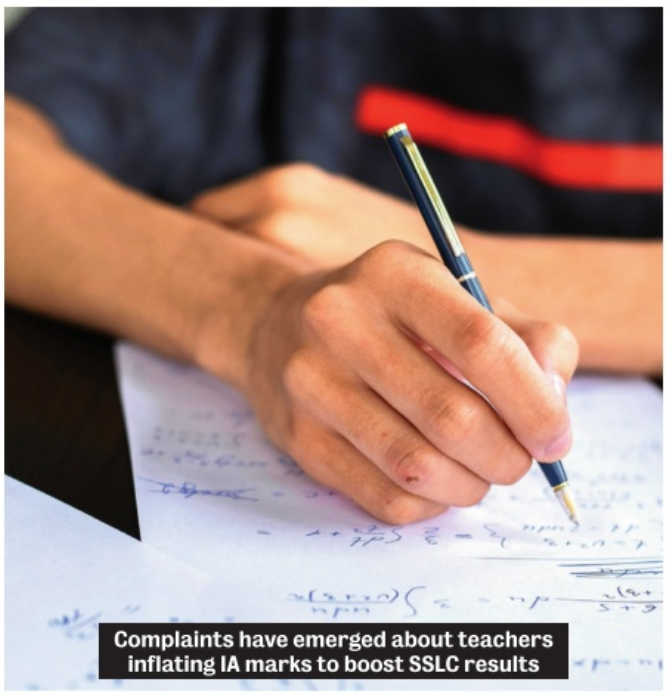
With a few schools allegedly faking the internal assessment marks, the education department is now taking measures to regulate the internal assessment marks awarded by teachers at the school level. To ensure fairness in grading, three-member committees of subject experts will be formed at the taluk level to review the internal assessment marks awarded to students in government, aided, and unaided private high schools.

Sandhya Kumar, a school principal said, "While many schools are very strict about internal assessment marks, a few schools are trying to tamper the IA marks to project that their school has done good performance." The Karnataka School Examination and Assessment Board (KSEAB) has directed all District Deputy Directors of Public Instruction (DDPIs) and Block Education Officers (BEOs) to inspect schools and verify whether marks are being awarded as per regulations. A report on the findings must be submitted by February 20.

Internal assessment structure and irregularities

A KSEAB official said, "SSLC students receive 80% of their subject marks through written/external examinations, while the remaining 20% is assigned through Continuous and Comprehensive Evaluation (CCE), which includes internal tests and academic activities. For example, in the first language subject, out of a total of 125 marks, 100 are allocated for the written exam, while 25 are for internal assessment. Other subjects follow a 100-mark format, with 80 marks from the written exam and 20 from the internal assessment. Though there is no minimum passing requirement for internal assessment marks, and students are not supposed to gain undue advantage from them, complaints have been received about teachers inflating these scores so that their school students get good marks in the SSLC exams. Hence, to address this issue, we are constituting a three-member committee to scrutinise internal assessment marks."



Complaints have emerged about teachers inflating IA marks to boost SSLC results

Discrepancies in internal and board exam scores

Sources in the KSEAB said that past SSLC examinations have shown that several students who secured high internal assessment marks performed poorly in the written exams, leading to suspicions of irregularities. When KSEAB reviewed records from selected high schools, significant discrepancies were found between the actual student performance in tests and activities versus the marks awarded by teachers. "This indicates a lapse in duty by headmasters and teachers. As a result, the board has taken the matter seriously and issued a directive to verify internal assessment scores across all high schools in the state through taluk-level committees," the official said.

Past SSLC exams have revealed discrepancies between high IA marks and poor written performance

Role of 3-member committee

Each taluk-level committee will consist of a high school headmaster, a science teacher, and an arts/language teacher. Their responsibilities include verifying whether internal assessments, such as short tests and academic activities, are conducted as per regulations, and ensuring that the marks entered in the SATS software match actual student performance. If discrepancies are found, teachers will be asked to rectify them. In cases where teachers fail to comply, the committee must report the matter to the District DDPI for necessary action.

'Paid debt multiple times over,' says Mallya as HC issues notice to banks

The Karnataka High Court on Wednesday issued notices to 10 banks, one recovery official, and an asset reconstruction company, which were named as parties in businessman Vijay Mallya's plea seeking records of accounts for loan recoveries by the banks. Mallya filed a petition in the High Court contesting debt recovery actions against the defunct Kingfisher Airlines. Asserting that whilst Kingfisher Airlines had a debt of approximately Rs 6,200 crore, the authorities have already recovered the "principal debt amount multiple times over," he said.

The petition, submitted on February 3 this year, received a brief hearing from Justice R Devdas on Wednesday. During the hearing, Senior Advocate Sajan Poovayya, representing Mallya, expressed that he was not seeking interim relief before hearing the respondents.

Earlier this week, Mallya approached the High Court challenging the recovery process initiated by various nationalised and private sector banks, including the State Bank of India, Punjab National Bank, and an asset reconstruction company. The petition requests the Court to halt further recovery actions and also direct the respondents to furnish a statement of accounts for all amounts owed by him, United Breweries Holdings, and other debtors. In December last year, Mallya posted on social media claiming that banks had recovered more than double the Rs 6,203 crore debt determined by the Debt Recovery Tribunal. Referencing Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman's statement in the Lok Sabha, he also asserted that Rs 14,131.6 crore worth of his properties were restored by public sector banks.

Residing in the UK since 2016, Mallya faces charges in India for defaulting loans worth thousands of crores from various banks. **— BMB**

HC upholds 31-year-old verdict

The Karnataka High Court has maintained the acquisition of approximately 270 acres of Jamanlal Bajaj Seva Trust's land as per notifications issued in 1994. The land will be used for a mega market project by Agricultural Produce Marketing Committee (APMC) in Bengaluru.

Justice Krishna S Dixit dismissed two petitions filed by the trust in 1999 and 2000, which challenged the notifications issued between 1994 and 1999 for acquiring 170 acres and 100 acres in Srigandhada Kaval and Herohalli villages of Bengaluru north taluk. The legal dispute between the government and the trust has seen multiple rounds of litigation across various judicial forums, including the land tribunal, the High Court, and the Supreme Court.

Citing Section 24 of the Right to Fair Compensation and Transparency in Land Acquisition, Rehabilitation and Resettlement Act, 2013, a single-judge High Court Bench had quashed the acquisition in 2014. The decision was later upheld by a Division Bench in 2017. In 2022, the Supreme Court overturned the High Court's orders and transferred the matter to a single judge to examine the acquisition's legality on various grounds, excluding the previously cited Section 24 of the 2013 Act. Following this directive, the High Court heard arguments from both parties and validated the acquisition.The Court has ordered the government to pay the agreed compensation from the September 24, 1999 meeting. **— BMB**

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Citizens choke as trash set up in flames despite BBMP ban

Residents of Hoysalanagar and surrounding areas claim lack of proper coordination between pourakarmikas, those transporting waste to blame

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(File photo) Despite repeated complaints, residents claim BBMP has not acted against pourakarmikas and citizens burning garbage

Residents of Hoysalanagar, Jayanthinagar, and surrounding areas continue to suffer due to the indiscriminate burning of garbage, despite the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) banning the practice. The issue has become a serious concern, particularly for senior citizens and children, who are most vulnerable to the hazardous smoke. Despite repeated complaints, residents insist that the BBMP has failed to take action against those responsible for some pourakarmikas or irresponsible citizens.

"I have escalated this issue to the BBMP higher authorities, including the Chief Commissioner, but no concrete measures have been taken to stop the burning of garbage. There seems to be a lack of coordination between pourakarmikas and those in charge of transporting waste to the nearest garbage transfer station. The BBMP must ensure that garbage auto tippers regularly transport accumulated waste instead of allowing it to pile up and be set on fire," said VP Krishna, Founder of the KR Puram Constituency Association Welfare Federation.

Adding to the problem, Krishna highlighted that some citizens are burning garbage around newly planted saplings, further harming the environment. Residents say they have personally witnessed pourakarmikas setting fire to garbage, particularly dry waste and plastic, in the mornings. The resulting smoke has made daily life unbearable for many.

"It is difficult to breathe when garbage is burned. Sometimes, the burning continues throughout the day, causing constant air pollution. The BBMP must take strict action against those responsible," said Baiju TK, a resident of Hoysalanagar.

Another resident, speaking on condition of anonymity, criticised the BBMP for not sensitising its workers about the dangers of garbage burning. "The BBMP should be raising awareness among the public about this issue. But how can we expect them to educate citizens when some of their pourakarmikas are setting garbage on fire?" the resident questioned. Sambhuchandra Chaki, a resident of Halehalli, recounted his recent experience of confronting pourakarmikas who were burning garbage. "I tried to stop them, but they got into an argument with me. This is happening every day—garbage is being collected and then burned instead of being disposed of properly," he said.

> **"It is difficult to breath when garbage is burned. Sometimes, burning continues through out the day, causing air pollution** – Baiju TK, resident

Meanwhile, the BBMP Assistant Engineer (Health) acknowledged the issue and said that a photo of burning garbage was recently shared online. "I will instruct pourakarmikas to stop burning garbage and coordinate with dry waste collection teams to prevent waste from accumulating on the roads. I also urge the public to report such incidents by sharing photos with location details," he said.

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Footpath squeeze

Katamnallur

The area below the Katamnallur Gate flyover, towards Old Madras Road, has been in dire condition for years. There is no footpath for pedestrians, forcing them to walk on the road amidst heavy traffic. The area remains perpetually dusty, making it unsafe and unpleasant for commuters.

Road obstruction

Kathriguppe Bus Stop

Debris dumped next to Kathriguppe Bus Stop towards Nayandahalli forces pedestrians to walk on the Ring Road, endangering public safety.

The bird has flown: Birders discuss drop in number of regular visitors

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Mysuru. Birders were anxiously searching for such migratory birds but to no avail," said one bird watcher. A decade ago, the migratory birds used to land in Bengaluru, says an avid birder. "Due to reasonably good rains, sufficient water is seen in lakes and waterbodies. Despite that, why birds have not landed here is something that needs to be studied. Incidentally, certain points need to be given attention. The garden city seems to be slowly giving up its green cover on the one hand due to rapid urbanisation. This has led to massive encroachment of the buffer zones of the water bodies. On the other, untreated sewage water enters the lakes in many cases. The water quality in these rain-fed lakes has deteriorated with no potential for aquatic life. This may be one of the reasons for birds to avoid the city's lakes."

One of the birders BM spoke to, Selvarajan, noted a decline in numbers like at Hesaraghatta, Hosekate, Harohalli, Jakkur, Muthanallur, Sonnapura, Puttenahalli, Varthur and other lakes.

"Most lakes are under BBMP's jurisdiction, so violations like letting sewage in or encroachment in buffer zones are seen as a blatant misuse of power. Birds like painted storks prefer shallow water, while some migratory ducks are comfortable with more water," he added.

Shape of water

Munish Gowda H, a teacher by profession and avid bird watcher, pointed to a decline in water bird populations. "There has been a huge decline in water bird population, mainly due to high water level as most lakes are now interconnected (even some lakes away from Bengaluru like those in Chikkaballapur are connected to Bengaluru lakes, so the water level is always high). Water birds like ducks prefer shallow waters and others like waders prefer water edges which don't exist now due to soup bowl-like design of lakes," he said.

He said as for the forest birds, their numbers are on the decline primarily due to habitat destruction. "Every year birds like Indian pitta, brown shrike and thick-billed warbler would spend their winters around my home in Jakkur. But this year, I don't see any of them. Grassland birds are the most vulnerable to decline not just here but globally, primarily, due to habitat fragmentation and destruction. Apart from decline in numbers, we noticed a good number of unexpected birds like Tufted Duck, Red-Necked Phalarope, Pied Harrier, Black-Bellied Plover, Long-toed Stint, Terek Sandpiper and many others landed around Bengaluru. These observations might be due to disturbances, whether manmade or natural, that is hard to say," he said.

While the exact numbers are not known, some of the bird species that were earlier observed more in number have seen a drop. "Common

Sandpipers (some spotted by me), Wood Sandpipers, Green Sandpipers, Little Stint, Black Winged Stilts (seen) Garganey (few seen), Rosy starlings (few seen) , Greenish warblers, Northern Shovelers, Northern Pintails, Bar-headed Geese (spotted by some birders), Osprey, Eurasian Marsh Harriers, and Booted Eagle are some of the common visitors that are now seen in lesser numbers, and some are not spotted at all," said Selvarajan.

It is not just at the lakes that birdwatchers have noticed a drop in visitors. Deepa Mohan, an avid birdwatcher and nature lover, who has been conducting nature walks, observed a decline in the number of bird species over the past decade. "The drop is particularly noticeable in urban areas, likely due to urbanisation. Climate change could also be a factor. Most forest birds tend to move away as they require tall trees and continuous green cover. The more humans take over the environment, the less space there is for birds, affecting the abundance of species."

She said that during winter, migratory birds such as Bar-headed Geese, European Bee-eaters and various Warblers come to our land, staying until winter ends. "However, as summer begins, these birds leave; we can still observe the resident birds.. Some raptors, such as Black Kites and Brahminy Kites have adapted to urban areas and are commonly found. Interestingly, more birds can still be observed in areas about 35 km away from the city and in places like the Bannerghatta forest, where the environment is more conducive to their survival," she said.

Counterfeit items come tumbling out during CCB team operation

Police seize products worth Rs 1.75 crore; bust supply chain that was feeding retailers

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A routine crackdown turned into a major revelation when the Central Crime Branch (CCB) police uncovered a counterfeit Fast-Moving Consumer Goods (FMCG) racket worth Rs 1.75 crore. Fake household essentials such as detergents, soaps, and mosquito coils had flooded the market. Dalpat Singh is allegedly the mastermind behind a vast supply chain that feeds small retailers.

The operation led to raids on a warehouse in Cottonpet and a manufacturing unit in Kachohalli under Madanayakanahalli police station limits, where authorities uncovered large-scale production and distribution of counterfeit products. Among the seized items were several fake popular brands of detergents, along with adulterated tea powders also falsely labeled with a popular brand name.

The three subsequent raids revealed that Singh procured fake labels from printing hubs in Surat, Gujarat, and used them to package inferior-quality goods, which were then sold to retailers at half the market price of genuine products. These counterfeit goods were distributed not only across Karnataka but also to states like Maharashtra, Gujarat, Tamil Nadu, and Andhra Pradesh. The sheer scale of the operation raises questions about the awareness and involvement of small shop owners in this illicit trade.

The availability of counterfeit products at significantly lower prices has made them an attractive proposition for small retailers. However, many of these shopkeepers were unaware that they were stocking fake goods.

Counterfeit products were seized from a warehouse in the city

Senior police officials said, "These individuals deliberately target specific markets and push counterfeit goods in large quantities, particularly in sectors where commercial products are in high demand. How would a victim even recognise the difference when these fake items are seamlessly mixed with genuine ones? Even when a person receives these products firsthand, detecting counterfeits with the naked eye is extremely difficult. Moreover, they set attractive price margins, making the deals enticing for buyers, further fueling the circulation of these fraudulent goods."

Safety & brand issues

The racket not only affects businesses but also poses serious health risks to consumers. Fake mosquito repellents and household cleaners may contain harmful chemicals, while low-quality detergents fail to clean effectively, leaving residues that could cause skin irritation. The proliferation of these fake products also results in financial losses for legitimate brands, forcing them to invest in anti-counterfeit measures.

A senior police official explained, "One of the major challenges is that counterfeit labels are nearly identical to genuine ones, making it extremely difficult to distinguish between them. Identifying an authentic product itself becomes a challenge. In most cases, only after conducting chemical testing and analysing the reports can we confirm whether a product is fake. Until then, detecting counterfeits remains a significant hurdle."

While the accused remains in custody, the CCB is actively investigating the supply chain to trace other key players.

Officials suspect that more warehouses and distribution networks remain operational.

As the probe deepens, consumers are urged to remain vigilant and purchase products only from trusted sources. Meanwhile, small retailers must exercise caution to avoid unwittingly becoming a part of such fraudulent networks.

A senior police official urged, "Consumers should verify the actual manufacturing numbers, batch numbers, and purchase from certified vendors. If someone is selling products at an unusually low price with high margins, it should immediately raise suspicion."

Marks help nail murderer

A 44-year-old man was arrested on Wednesday for allegedly strangling his wife to death while she was asleep on Monday.

According to police, the couple had moved from Devanahalli a year ago due to financial difficulties and were living in a rented apartment in Vyalikaval. On Monday, after an argument, the man allegedly gave his wife sleeping tablets before strangling her, intending to make it appear as a suicide. Initially, he claimed that his wife, who had hypertension and diabetes, had fallen from the bed and died before reaching the hospital. But, police found strangulation marks on her neck and injuries on her face. Upon quizzing, the man confessed to the crime. **–BMB**

Bus ticket roll theft?

A customer noticed a vegetable vendor using Bengaluru Metropolitan Transport Corporation (BMTC) bus ticket rolls to print price lists for fruits and vegetables and put it up on social media, prompting action by authorities.

The vigilant customer noticed the unusual receipt at SRS Vegetable and Fruit Merchant in Attur Layout, Yelahanka. BMTC officials visited the shop and discovered two ticket rolls in the vendor's possession. The shop owner, identified as Muralikrishna, now faces legal action, with a case registered against him at Yelahanka New Town Police Station.

Necrophilia case acquittal

The Supreme Court on Tuesday noted that it cannot intervene in the High Court's partial acquittal order in a case where the accused had intercourse with a victim's body after murder, as Penal Laws do not classify necrophilia as an offence. Justices Sudhanshu Dhulia and Ahsanuddin Amanullah heard a plea contesting the Karnataka High Court's ruling, which cleared the accused of rape charges but maintained the murder conviction. The State Government filed the current SLP. **–BMB**

Sumanahalli junction among 75 set for upgrades

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As part of a citywide junction improvement initiative, 75 key junctions are set for upgrades, with Sumanahalli Junction being a primary focus. Spearheaded by the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) in collaboration with the Traffic Police and the World Resources Institute (WRI), the project is in its final discussion phase. It now awaits final approval.

The upgrade will include road widening, the expansion of pedestrian pathways, and the creation of dedicated bus bays. Given its reputation as a pedestrian-unfriendly junction, Sumanahalli is receiving special attention to ensure safer walkability and smoother traffic movement.

"The Sumanahalli Junction upgrade prioritises pedestrian safety through the inclusion of pedestrian rescue islands, wider roads, and a dedicated bus bay, along with beautification efforts," said DCP Traffic West, Anitha B Haddannavar. She said the high volume of commuters and bus passengers at the junction made these enhancements essential.

For pedestrians

Launched in March 2023, the project aims to alleviate congestion and enhance road safety. Among the 75 identified junctions, Sumanahalli stands out as a crucial transit hub, facilitating both north-south and east-west traffic movement.

"Sumanahalli Junction is one of Bengaluru's high-risk intersections. It serves as a key interchange where many commuters switch buses for travel in multiple directions," said Chetan Sodaye, Program manager for integrated transport and road safety at WRI.

Approval needed

Work has begun at Yelahanka and Bommanahalli junctions, while modifications are still being finalised for Sumanahalli Junction. According to a senior BBMP official, traffic authorities have suggested changes to the initial plan, and the project is awaiting final approval before implementation.

Ring Road-2 plans raise uncertainty for landowners

BDA's PRR-2 revival faces backlash as property owners question delayed acquisition, legality, outdated compensation rates, and official lapses in planning

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Despite several attempts, the much-delayed Peripheral Ring Road (PRR-1) has remained a non-starter. However, now the BDA (Bangalore Development Authority) has decided to revive the PRR-2 which was proposed by former Chief Minister HD Kumaraswamy during the BJP-JDS coalition government. However, this move has caused resistance among the landowners, site holders, and residents of nine villages in Dasanapura-2 Hobli of Bengaluru North Taluk.

A two-decade-old project

The initial notification for the project was issued in December 2005. Designed and planned 20 years ago, the project aimed to acquire land in various survey numbers across villages including Bailakonenahalli, Dombarahalli, Gangondanahalli, KG Lakkenahalli, Lakshmipura, Vaddarahalli, Kadirenahalli, Harokyatanahalli, and Siddanahosahalli. However, many people have since purchased plots and built homes in these areas, making the sudden revival of the project a major concern for them.

Landowners voice their concerns

Several residents and property owners, who had invested their life savings in purchasing land and constructing homes, are now left in distress. Many had taken loans, sold ancestral properties, and used their hard-earned money to secure a place in these areas. The region currently has over 150 layouts and approximately 40,000 houses. Recently. a group of residents, site owners, and landowners gathered at the BDA office to submit a petition against the project and expressed their grievances.

Residents argue that the notification should have been issued before blocking the survey numbers for acquisition. They also highlight that the new Land Acquisition Act of 2013 has been in effect for 11 years, replacing the outdated 1894 Land Acquisition Act, under which the BDA has now issued notices. "Legal experts and Supreme Court rulings have established that projects initiated under the old law cannot proceed under outdated provisions if they were not awarded or executed within the prescribed time frame. Since the BDA's Section 27 mandates that projects delayed for an extended period are deemed cancelled, landowners demand that the project be officially scrapped and that they be issued clearance certificates for their properties," Sidde Gowda, a resident said.

73-km road project in limbo

The Peripheral Ring Road-2 project, conceptualised 20 years ago to ease Bengaluru's traffic congestion, spans 73 km and requires 2,560 acres of land. The first phase involved acquiring 1,800 acres, with a preliminary notification for an additional 600 acres issued in 2022. The land acquisition process for the initial 1,800 acres is currently underway. PRR-2 is designed to provide direct connectivity from Hosur Road to Tumkur Road and will run parallel to the NICE road. The recently notified survey numbers are part of this project, which also plans to include a BMTC bus depot and a truck terminal within its layout.

Residents question BDA's handling of land allocation

Residents are now questioning how, despite the 2005 notification, layouts were approved and housing plots were sold in the affected areas. "Who permitted the formation of layouts in these survey numbers after the PRR-2 notification? Why were these survey numbers not blocked? Due to officials' negligence, middle-class and poor families like ours are suffering," said Ramesh, a resident of Bailakonenahalli. "We invested our life savings and built homes with proper electricity and water connections. How was this allowed if the land was reserved for PRR-2? Even recently, we paid property taxes," lamented Shivu from Lakshmipur. Many residents have pointed out that these areas have witnessed significant development. "In 2005-06, a 30x40 site in this area cost around 4 lakh. Today, it is valued between 40-50 lakh. How can compensation be offered at outdated rates under the old law?" questioned Uma, a resident.

Indigenous GPS collars for elephants

The Karnataka Forest Department (KFD) has introduced indigenous GPS-enabled collars to monitor elephant movements and reduce human-elephant conflicts.

Forest Minister Eshwar Khandre launched the locally developed collars on Wednesday. These devices will be used to track female elephants, which typically lead herds in high-conflict areas like Kodagu, Chikkamagaluru. The rising conflict in these regions is linked to forest fragmentation, expanding agricultural land, and specific crop patterns.

Developed in collaboration with Bengaluru-based Infecxn Labs Pvt. Ltd., the new collars are a cost-effective alternative to imported models. While earlier versions from African Wildlife Tracking and Vectronic cost Rs 6.5 lakh each, the indigenous collars are priced at just Rs 1.8 lakh and weigh only 7 kg, significantly lighter than the 16-17 kg imported ones.

The collars will provide real-time tracking and send SMS alerts to warn communities when elephants approach human settlements.

₹21 L collected in traffic drive

In a week-long enforcement drive from January 27 to February 4, the East Traffic Division registered 4,313 cases against motorists and drivers for violating traffic rules under the Indian Motor Vehicle (IMV) Act

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Water supply restoration to be completed in 2 days, says BWSSB

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Residents of Mosque Road and Promenade Road lauded Bengaluru Water Supply and Sewerage Board (BWSSB) engineers for inspecting damaged water pipelines and detecting the source of water contamination in the area. The BWSSB engineers visited Mosque Road and Promenade Road on Wednesday to inspect the water pipeline and resolve the residents' concerns.

Bangalore Mirror published a story, "As white-topping muddies waters, citizens at lurch" on Wednesday, narrating how the residents had been suffering due to water contamination on Promenade Road and lack of water supply to Green Avenue Apartment on Mosque Road. The residents had earlier complained that they were compelled to run pillar to post for the restoration of water supply.

"I want to thank the media for highlighting our problems. I also want to thank the BWSSB engineers for visiting the spot. I hope the authorities restore the water supply without any delay. Now, we can only pray that everything falls into place as envisioned," said Umera Faisal, a resident of Green Avenue Apartment.

BWSSB officials visited the site to address the concern

BM reported on 5 Feb about water issues on Mosque Road

Thanking the BWSSB officials for visiting the site, Venkatasubramani, Vice President of Promenade Road Cross Residents Association, said that the BWSSB officials gave directions to the local BWSSB staff on subsequent actions. "They hope to sort out the problem in the next two days. The Executive Engineer has committed to replacing the existing water pipeline shortly as it is old. I am happy with the BWSSB authorities' response. We have to wait for two more days for a solution and are confident that it will be done," he said.

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BWSSB Assistant Engineer Rahul H said that the BWSSB staff has identified the source of water contamination and has successfully stopped sewage from entering into water supply pipes. "The residents on Promenade Road can get clean water in two days. The work is in progress to restore water supply to Green Avenue Apartment," said the Assistant Engineer.

Case against college after student's suicide

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A 19-year-old nursing student committed suicide after alleged harassment at the Dayananda Sagar University on Wednesday, under the Harohalli police station limits, Ramanagara.

The deceased identified as Anamika hails from Kerala. According to the police, the deceased was a first-year BSc nursing student and staying in the hostel of the university campus.

The incident came to light when hostel staff, after failing to get a response, unlocked the door and found her dead. Police were alerted and the body was promptly shifted for post-mortem.

Police recovered a death note written in Malayalam and sent it for analysis. Preliminary investigations reveal academic pressure, but students allege she faced harassment from the management, including fines and accusations of malpractice. Her parents have also claimed harassment. Based on their complaint, police have registered a case against the institution and are conducting further investigations.

(Those having suicidal tendencies, help is available: Call Arogya Sahayavani phone 104 for help)

Man loses ₹64,000 in tour package scam

A resident of Melkanda has filed a police complaint after being duped of Rs 64,000 by fraudsters posing as a tour package company. According to the complaint, the victim received a call on January 18 at 10.30 am from a person claiming to represent Rakesh Subramanya Tours. The caller offered a package to Prayagraj and convinced the complainant to make multiple payments online, totaling Rs 64,000.

After completing the transactions, the complainant tried to contact the tour company, but the calls went unanswered. Realising that he had been scammed, he reported the fraud by calling 1930, the national cyber crime helpline, and registered his complaint under number.

The victim then approached the Jnanabharathi police station, seeking action against the fraudsters and a refund of his money. The police have taken note of the complaint and are investigating the matter. Officials are likely to track the bank account details and phone numbers used in the scam to identify the culprits. Police officials are investigating the case.

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Sustainable practices on BMRCL's plate

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stations and other buildings, which reduce energy consumption, water usage, and waste generation.

Greenhouse gas emissions will be reduced by implementing energy-efficient technologies, monitoring, and metering, apart from promoting the use of renewable sources of energy.

"We are incorporating sustainable practices such as waste reduction, recycling of waste, water conservation, rainwater harvesting, etc. We will also be considering eco-friendly practices at the time of retrofitting and renovation.

It also includes awareness regarding environment and climate change among BMRCL's employees, contractors and sub-contractors, and other stakeholders to promote adoption of environment-friendly practices.

What about trees?

Environmentalists question the lack of mention of trees in the statement.

"The policy statement is silent on tree plantation. The entire city knows that BMRCL has chopped down thousands of trees. In their policy document, there should have been explicit mention of tree plantation and

transplantation. BMRCL should consider strengthening compliance. Moreover, whether the agency is complying with the principles mentioned in the policy can be ascertained only with the help of documents on its website. All the documents related to the project should be uploaded on the website proactively, which is currently not the case," said Dattatreya Devare, trustee of Bangalore Environment Trust.

He added that while BMRCL has been promising a rainwater harvesting system to its existing and new lines, the plan has not materialised so far.

Environmental activists also opine that BMRCL's commitments to renewable energy, waste reduction, and carbon emission control require a more scientific and holistic approach to ensure environmental sustainability.

"While we welcome Metro rail as a crucial mode of public transport, BMRCL is required to take major strides in implementing sustainable and environment-friendly initiatives outlined in its policy.

The agency's commitments to various environment-friendly activities require a more scientific and holistic approach. Its afforestation and urban forestry programs lack a city-centric vision, rainwater harvesting, and water recycling efforts fall short, and last-mile connectivity in coordination with BMTC remains inadequate.

True sustainability demands collaboration among all major bodies such as BMRCL, BBMP, BWSSB, BMTC, and BESCOM," said Vinod Jacob, Namma Bengaluru Foundation.

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SOAK UP THE SUN

Some ways to remove sun tan in a jiffy

Holidays are all fun and games until you look into the mirror and see your skin two or more shades darker. We've all had tan lines or uneven color that we wish we could just wash off. But getting rid of a tan is difficult. Tanning is hard to reverse. It's the way your skin tries to protect itself from damage from UV light. There are home remedies that claim to lighten skin. While a tan will fade out eventually, if you're in a hurry, give these home remedies a try. Here's a quick look at how to remove sun tan in a jiffy! You no longer have to worry about spending too much time out in the sun, or at the beach.

10 home remedies to remove sun tan

1 Lemon juice and honey to remove tan

- Lemon juice has a bleaching effect which helps in removing tan quickly. It is one of the most popularly touted home remedies for getting rid of a tan, but it should not be used undiluted on the skin.
- Take fresh lemon juice, add some honey to it and apply it on your skin.
- Let it stay for 30 minutes and wash off.
- You can also add some sugar to the lemon juice and scrub your skin gently to slough off dead cells from the surface.

2 Yogurt and tomato to reduce tan

- Tomato is rich in antioxidants that helps in brightening skin. Yogurt on the other hand contains lactic acid which softens the skin.
- Take raw tomato and remove the skin.
- Blend it with 1-2 tsp of fresh yogurt.
- Use this paste on your tan, and wash off after 20 minutes.

3 Cucumber extract helps to remove tan

- Cucumber is highly beneficial for tanned and sunburnt skin. Cucumber has a cooling effect and helps remove tan.
- Shred a cucumber, and squeeze to get the juice out.
- Using a cotton ball, apply the juice all over your skin.
- Let it dry and wash. You may also add a little lemon juice for added benefits.

4 Bengal gram flour and turmeric fade the tan

- Turmeric is an excellent skin brightening agent while Bengal gram flour (besan) lightens skin effectively. However, turmeric can stain your face yellow. Use face wash or makeup remover immediately after a turmeric mask or topical application to help remove residue and prevent staining.
- Add 1 tsp of turmeric to a cup of Bengal gram flour, and mix some water or milk to make a thin paste.
- Apply this mixture on your face and body, and let it dry, before gently scrubbing it away using lukewarm water.
- Regular use will help fade the tan from your skin.

5 Potato juice to get rid of tan

- Potato juice is often used to lighten dark circles around the eyes. Apart from being naturally soothing, the juice of potato is also known for being a potent bleaching agent.
- Juice a raw potato and apply it directly onto your skin to get rid of the tan.
- Alternatively, you can also use thin potato slices on your eyes and face.
- Keep them on for 10-12 minutes and wash off once it dries.

6 Honey and papaya for removing tan

- Papaya is rich in natural enzymes that have skin bleaching and exfoliating properties. Honey on the other hand is a natural moisturiser and a skin soothing agent. It is also rich in antioxidants that remove free radicals from the skin which cause ageing.
- Take 4-5 cubes of ripe papaya; the riper the better.
- Add 1 teaspoon of honey to it and mash it up using the back of a spoon or a fork.
- Mix well until a smooth paste is formed.
- Apply this paste all over the tanned skin and let dry.
- Wash it off after 20-30 minutes with water.

7 Masoor dal (red lentil), Tomato and Aloe Vera pack

- Masoor dal is an effective remedy in treating sun tan. Tomato juice brightens up the skin while aloe vera soothes and moisturises it.
- Soak 2 tbsp of masoor dal in water for a few hours until the dal gets soft.
- Drain the water and put in a blender.
- To the dal, add 1 teaspoon of aloe vera and gel and 2 teaspoons of fresh tomato juice.
- Blend into a paste.
- Apply on suntanned skin and let it stay for 20 minutes.
- Rinse it out with water using a massage action.

8 Oatmeal and buttermilk for tan cleaner

- Oatmeal is known for its excellent exfoliating and skin cleansing properties. Buttermilk is rich in lactic acid which can soften the skin and improve skin tone.
- Soak 2 teaspoons of oats or oatmeal in some water for five minutes.
- Add 2-3 teaspoon of fresh, plain buttermilk to it and mix well.
- You may add honey to make the pack more moisturising.
- Mix these ingredients well to form a paste and apply on your face, neck and arms.
- Rub in a circular motion and let it stay for 20 minutes.
- Wash off to reveal fresh, cleaner looking skin.

9 Milk cream and strawberries for tanned skin

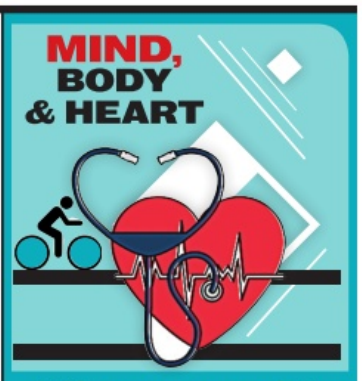
- Rich in AHA (alpha-hydroxy acids) and vitamin C, strawberries have natural skin brightening properties. The creamy goodness of milk cream locks in the moisture deep into the skin making it look supple and healthy.
- Take a few ripe strawberries and mash them well using a fork.
- Add 2 teaspoons of fresh cream to it and whisk well to form a lump-free paste.
- Use this on your face and tanned skin and let it stay for 15-20 minutes.
- Wash it with cold water.

10 Pineapple pulp and honey for skin tan

- Pineapple contains an enzyme called Bromelain which fights free radicals in the skin and reduces inflammation. Also, it is packed with vitamin A, C and antioxidants which undo sun damage making the skin even toned and bright.
- Drop 5-6 cubes of freshly chopped ripe pineapple in a blender and add 1 teaspoon of honey to it.
- Blend until smooth.
- Extract into a bowl and use this to apply on the tanned areas of your skin.
- Wash after 20 minutes.

—Unnati Sheth, Femina

MIND, BODY & HEART



All you need to know about...

Soreness after exercise

Not always good

Many times, people get caught up in trying to make themselves sore every session under the false assumption that more is always good. Deep Health Coach and Founder of Nourish With Sim, Simrun Chopra says, "Continuously being sore after every workout shows that your body hasn't recovered fully, and this can be detrimental to your progress. Muscle soreness is a sign that you are overtraining and not getting adequate nutrition to support this level of training intensity."

Side-effect

Muscle soreness is a side-effect of the stress that you put on your muscles when you exercise. The pain you feel is completely normal and is due to inflammation within the muscle, but always being sore and not letting your body recover can lead to injuries. Chopra adds, "When it comes to muscle development, always remember, 'Stimulate. Not annihilate.' You are only as good as your recovery!"

Reason for it

Normal soreness is a sign that you are getting stronger. During exercise, when you apply stress to a particular muscle, the fibres in that muscle begin to break down. As they repair themselves, the muscles become larger and stronger than they were before. Now, your muscles are better prepared for rigorous activity, be it exercise or otherwise.

Chopra clarifies, "Just because you are not sore, or crippled with pain after a solid workout, does not mean that the exercise session was inadequate, or for that matter, ineffective. The best way to fight soreness is to exercise regularly. The more you do, the better your body gets at adapting to your workouts, learning continuously to effectively distribute the workload across the muscle fibres in use."

—Femina

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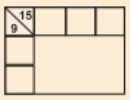
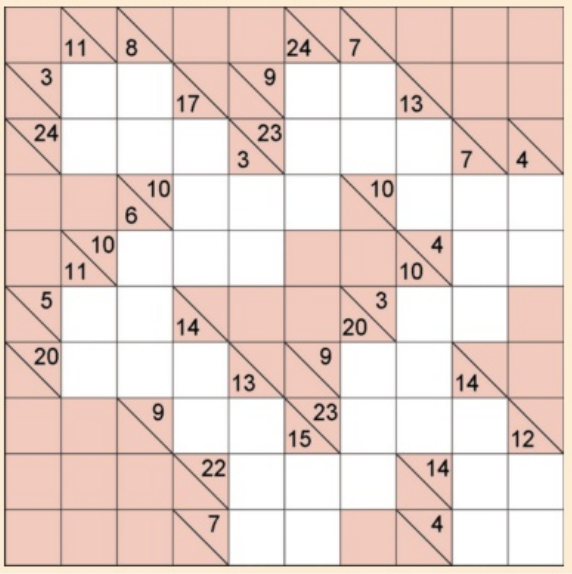
Kakuro

The numbers in the grey squares refer to the sums of the digits that you must fill into the empty spaces directly below or to the right of the grey square containing the number. For instance, in the given example, the 3 boxes horizontally next to 15 must contain 3 digits that add up to 15, whereas



for 9, it is the 2 boxes placed vertically under it that must add up to 9. No zeros are used here, only the digits 1 through 9.

Note: A digit cannot appear more than once in any particular digit combination. For instance, in the example, we cannot have the combination of 4+7+4 for 15.



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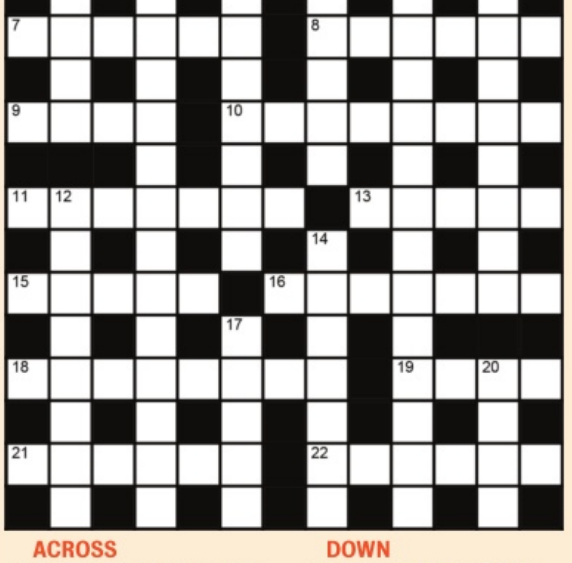


ACROSS

7 Ancient Indian dynasty (6)
8 Karnataka city just south of Goa (6)
9 Veni, Vidi, ____ : I came, I saw, I conquered? (4)
10 ___ of the court : crime of getting the judge angry? (8)
11 Caught a view of (7)
13 Tender (5)
15 Tumble or splash (5)
16 Scoffed or derided (7)
18 Dietary fibre (8)
19 Jazz singer ___ Fitzgerald (4)
21 Hired, rented or sublet (6)
22 Dissertation (6)

DOWN

1 Its capital is Bamako (4)
2 Bird-watcher (13)
3 Cattle farms (7)
4 Small American animal (5)
5 Good at growing plants (5-8)
6 Hearing aid (8)
12 Unseemly (8)
14 Mum and dad? (7)
17 Arenaceous (5)
20 Roman 57 (4)

Quoteuncode

This puzzle is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that Q equals C, it will equal C throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

Today's CLUE: Z EQUALS G

PNRRNG RA UA DAKNRQEXZ EKHNGONWRIF RQCX RA UA XARQEXZ HNGONWRIF.

Linemaro

I admire the way you drive within the speed limit

Mindchow

Don't open a shop unless you like to smile

Joke of the day

What do you call someone who puts a picture of themselves in their locket? Independent

Loop

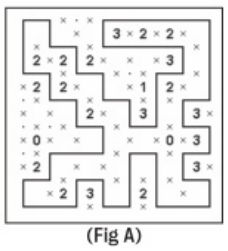
Rules

» Connect adjacent dots with vertical or horizontal lines, creating a single loop (Fig A). » Crossovers or branches are not allowed (As shown by dotted lines in Fig B). » Numbers in the puzzle indicate the number of lines that should surround it, while empty cells may be surrounded by any number of lines. » You can't draw lines around zeros. » Each puzzle has just one unique solution.

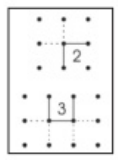
How to begin:

Example (Fig A) – Begin with the zero next to 3. Since no lines can be drawn around zero, mark crosses around it, as shown. Now there is a cross in one space around 3. So we know the three lines of 3 can only be drawn in the remaining three spaces. Next, these lines can only be extended in one direction each. Continue, using the same logic.

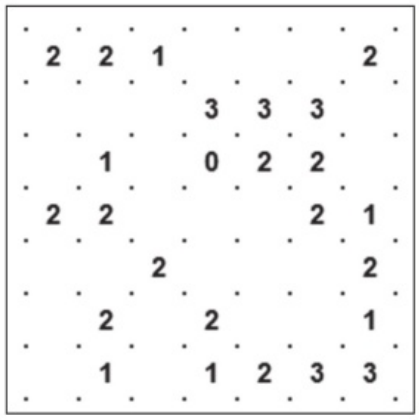
Hints: Keep eliminating possibilities by marking crosses in spaces between dots where a line isn't possible, i.e., if you have already completed required lines or where a line extension may create a branch or cause a dead-end (Fig B)



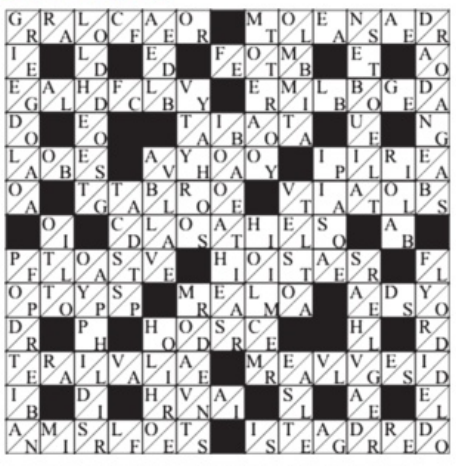
(Fig A)



(Fig B) Not Allowed



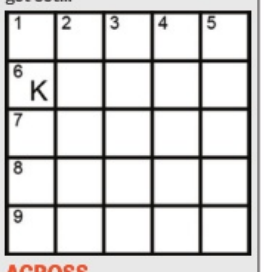
Strikeout



This crossword has no clues and the answer is there waiting for you. All you have to do is find it in each square. You have a choice of two letters, one of which you must strike out. If you choose correctly, you will be left with a grid that contains real words.

Fast five

How long do you think it will take you to unscramble the ten words shown below and fit them correctly into the grid in the order given one letter has already been entered to get you started? on your marks, get set...



ACROSS

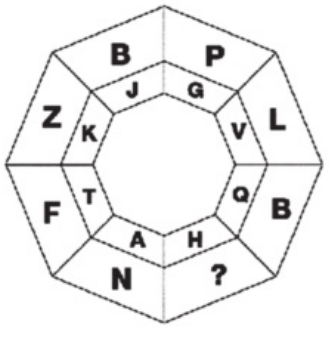
1 Fed of; 6 Or ken; 7 Bu err; 8 A rant; 9 Years

DOWN

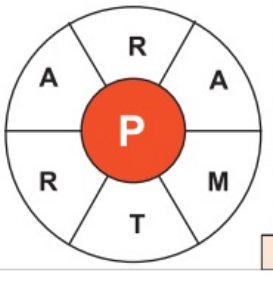
1 Ark so; 2 Ref an; 3 Try of; 4 Ree Nu; 5 Bared

Mensapuzzle

Which letter completes the puzzle?



Bull's eye



How many words of four or more letters can you make from the letters shown? Every word must contain the central letter. There should be one seven-letter word. British English Dictionary is used as a reference.

07 Average; 08 Good; 10 Outstanding

SudokuChallenge

8			7	2	1			
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						7	1	2
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9	4	7						
5		1						
		6	4	5			7	
			1	8	2			6

To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every digit from one to nine must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the nine boxes.

Gofigure

Place the four numbers in the first, third, fifth, and seventh boxes and whatever operators you care to use in the second, fourth, and sixth boxes in the correct order to get the answer. Use the numbers only once.

Easy = 4

2 4 6 8

Medium = 12

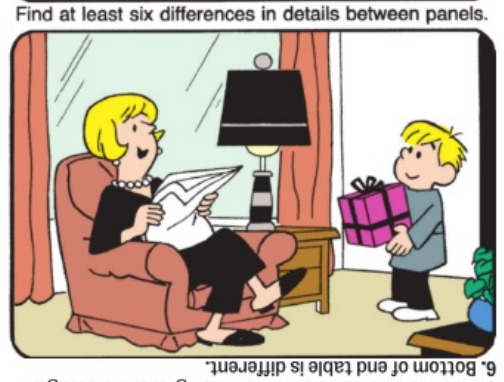
3 9 9 9

Hard = 11

4 5 5 4

Hocusfocus

Find at least six differences in details between panels.



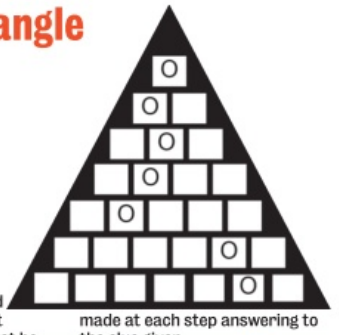
Differences: 1. Box is smaller. 2. Lampshade is smaller. 3. Pillow is smaller. 4. Collar is missing. 5. Shirt is longer. 6. Bottom of end table is different.

Riddler

You have no control over me,I am not real, though sometimes you believe me, I come back every night, but am often forgotten, Though left alone, I will never become rotten, Sometimes I remind you of things yet to come, Sometimes, watching me, you do things you've never done, I rarely ever turn out to be true,Now I am done with this riddle for you. What am I?

Alpha triangle

1 Atomic number 8
2 Not off
3 One in a pen
4 Token
5 Pick-me-up
6 Director's word
7 Carefulness



Beginning at the top move towards the bottom seven-letter word by adding a letter at each step and rearranging. A correct and different word must be made at each step answering to the clue given.

DIFFICULT TO SOLVE? FIND THESE SOLUTIONS ON THE NEXT PAGE »

COMICS

Popeye

Bizarrotrip

Diamond Lil

Hart of the city

Crankshaft

TALES FROM THE SCRYPTS
THE PIZZA MONSTER OF DRACULA!
IT'S JUST TOMATO SAUCE!!
I NEVER SAUSAGE ACTION!
I THOUGHT HE WAS A SILENT PARTNER.

Mutts

WHAT YOUR STARS SAY TODAY

Aries Mar 21 – Apr 20
Today, you are blessed by the Moon, and your destiny is likely to support you. You may feel more energetic and focused on your work. Your hard work may pay off in terms of success. Your colleagues may help you, and a short work-related trip is likely. Some good news may come from your sibling.

Taurus Apr 21 – May 20
Today, messy situations are now under control, and you may feel at peace. You may be able to maintain a proper balance between expenditure and earnings, which could improve your financial health. However, it is advised to avoid excessive travelling or overworking, as it may affect your health. Students can start planning for their future, and lovebirds may enjoy happy moments together.

Gemini May 21 – Jun 21
Today, you may receive strong support from your family members. There may be some expansion in your family business, which could enhance your family's social status. You may also plan to expand your family by welcoming a new child and strengthening family bonds. Students may apply for scholarships for higher studies.

Cancer Jun 22 – July 23
Today, you may face health issues due to sleeplessness from the previous night, making you feel mentally tired. You may struggle to focus on your daily tasks and feel lazy, which could affect your commitments. It is advised to avoid reckless driving and adventure tours. You should also refrain from spending money on unnecessary things.

Leo Jul 24 – Aug 23
Today, you may feel happy and spread positivity around you. There may be harmony in your domestic life, and you could enjoy romantic moments with your spouse. Your family may support you in making important professional decisions. New business ventures or partnerships may be on the horizon.

Virgo Aug 24 – Sep 23
Today, you may feel more spiritual, and your destiny may favour you. You could expect good gains from past investments. Your relationship with your boss is likely to improve, benefiting you in terms of promotions. Some good news may come from your sibling. However, you are advised to control your harsh words in personal and romantic relationships, as they may create misunderstandings.

Libra Sep 24 – Oct 22
Today, you may be busy with social gatherings and may reconnect with old friends. Your network may strengthen, providing professional benefits in the near future. Those in the export-import, glamour, or art industries may perform well. Students are likely to do better in their studies. Lovebirds may enjoy quality time together.

Scorpio Oct 23 – Nov 22
Today, you may suffer from sleeplessness, making you feel lazy and careless, which could negatively affect your inner strength. You may feel nervous at work, which could impact ongoing projects. It is advised to avoid investing in unprofitable ventures. Additionally, you should avoid spicy food, as digestive issues may arise. Refrain from reckless driving.

Sagittarius Nov 23 – Dec 22
Today, you may be occupied with family matters and make important domestic decisions. It is best to avoid arguments in personal matters, as arrogance may disturb domestic harmony. By late evening, things may come under control. You are advised to follow your intuition before making business investments.

Capricorn Dec 23 – Jan 20
Today, the positive influence of the Moon may bring you happiness. You may exhibit patience in various situations. Your job performance may improve, and you could receive rewards or incentives. Health issues within the family may be resolved. Job seekers are likely to find a suitable position in their field. Lovebirds may enjoy their time together.

Aquarius Jan 21 – Feb 19
Today, results may be mixed. It is advised not to expect too much from others, as it may lead to disappointment. You may focus on self-exploration and self-analysis, allowing you to refine yourself. After this process, you may feel more confident and ready to accept new challenges.

Pisces Feb 20 – Mar 20
Today, dissatisfaction may make you feel upset, and you may struggle to enjoy the moment. A lack of patience may affect your way of working, leading to minor mistakes. You may visit a religious place to seek peace. It is advised to practice meditation or yoga to restore inner balance.

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SOLUTIONS

SOLVE IN 1M
-7+15+8 = 8+8 = 16

BULL'S EYE
apart, part, pram, ramp, RAMPART, rapt, tamp, tarp, tramp, trap

FAST FIVE

S	A	Y	E	R
A	N	T	R	A
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QUOTE UNCODE
Better to do something imperfectly than to do nothing perfectly.

RIDDLER
A dream

STRIKE OUT

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SUDOKU

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4	7	9	1	8	2	3	5	6

MENSA PUZZLE
V. Starting with the top left outer segment and moving clockwise, alternating between the inner and outer segments, letters advance through the alphabet 5 letters at a time. Starting with the top left inner segment, follow the same pattern, using every sixth letter

ALPHA TRIANGLE
0 , On, Con, Coin, Tonic, Action , Caution .

GO FIGURE
Easy
2 + 4 + 6 – 8 = 4
Medium
3 x 9 \ 9 + 9 = 12
Hard
5 x 4 – 5 – 4 = 11

LOOP

KAKURO

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